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1. [] Received a call from Mr. Bernard Poirier, Special Assistant to Senator Mike Gravel (D., Alaska), who told me that the Senator was requesting our assistance in a matter relating to their office. []

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[] provide such information that would be available here at Headquarters but that the problem is one for referral to the State Department for their action. He thanked me and said that he would contact Assistant Secretary Abshire's office. After checking with Mr. [] FE Division, I called Mr. Poirier and told him that we have no record of any contact with [] the name he had given me on the previous call. Mr. Poirier said the State Department is now working on the matter and thanked me for our assistance.

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2. [] I received a call from Mr. Raymond O'Neill, Office of Security Management, DOD, who told me that they are processing the travel of Senator Lloyd Bentsen (D., Texas) for a trip to the Middle East starting on 4 January. Senator Bentsen will be accompanied by Colonel William B. Arnold, Air Force escort officer. Mr. O'Neill will forward a copy of the itinerary and clearances to me through Mr. [] OS.

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3. [] Messrs. Maury and [] met with Chairman Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, and Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and briefed them on the current situation in Laos; intelligence community structure; the FY 1972 Agency budget and staff personnel strength; and "deficiencies" in the present espionage laws. Chairman Nedzi also asked about the status of the Deputy Director's position and discussed some of the recent press coverage he has received. See Memorandum for the Record.

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4. [] Colonel White and Messrs. Colby, [] and [] met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and Colonel White briefed Woodruff on developments concerning the release of funds to cover the liquidation of certain programs of the Radios. Woodruff said he had no objection to the action being taken and commended the Agency for "scrubbing down" the requests made for the release of these funds. He recommended, however, that letters be sent to Chairmen Ellender and Mahon advising them of the action being taken. Mr. Woodruff reiterated a statement he has made on a number of occasions before that he felt it highly desirable for the Congress to include an open line item for the total CIA appropriations. See [] Memorandum for the Record. 25X1A

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5. [] Talked with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, and advised him of the request from Lowenstein and Moose, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, which had been relayed to us through the State Department (see Memorandum for the Record of 22 December 1971). I told Braswell that the questions raised by Lowenstein and Moose would be taken up with the Director on his return, but asked Braswell if he had any thoughts on the matter. Braswell said he thought that as a member of the CIA Subcommittee Senator Symington was entitled to information on Agency personnel but he saw no grounds for providing this information to Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff members. He commented that even our own Subcommittees do not ask for information on operational personnel.

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